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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2012- Associate Professor of Philosophy  
Colorado State University  
2008-2012 Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
Colorado State University  
2005-2008 Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
Muhlenberg College  
2003-2005 Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
Antioch College  
2001-2003 Coordinator of Center for South Asian Studies  
University of Hawai'i, Mānoa  
2000-2001 Instructor, Philosophy  
University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

## EDUCATION

2012 NEH Institute: "Investigating Consciousness"  
2004 Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Hawai'i, Mānoa  
Dissertation: *Self-Awareness: Issues in Contemporary Western and Classical Indian Philosophy*  
Advisor: Arindam Chakrabarti  
1998 M.A., Philosophy, University of Hawai'i, Mānoa  
1995 B.A., Philosophy, Fort Lewis College

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Buddhist Philosophy  
Philosophy of Mind  
Indian Philosophy

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaphysics  
Phenomenology  
Philosophy of Religion

## PUBLICATIONS

### Articles

"Enacting Selves, Enacting Worlds: Reflections on the Buddhist Theory of Karma,"  
*Philosophy East and West*, Vol. 63, pp. 194-212, 2013.

“Enacting the self: Buddhist and enactivist approaches to the emergence of the self,”  
*Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, Vol. 9, pp. 75-99, 2010.

“Ontological Deflationism in Madhyamaka,” *Contemporary Buddhism*, Vol. 9, pp. 197-207,  
2008.

“Self-Awareness without a Self: Buddhism and the Reflexivity of Awareness,” *Asian  
Philosophy*, Vol. 18, pp. 245-266, 2008.

“The Illumination of Consciousness: Approaches to Self-Awareness in the Indian and  
Western Traditions,” *Philosophy East and West*, Vol. 57, pp. 40-62, 2007.

“The Five Factors of Action and the Decentring of Agency in the *Bhagavad Gītā*,” *Asian  
Philosophy*, Vol. 11, pp. 141-150, 2001.

### **Book Chapters**

“Luminosity, Subjectivity, and Temporality: An Examination of Buddhist and Advaita Views  
of Consciousness,” In *Hindu and Buddhist Ideas in Dialogue: Self and No-Self*, Eds. C.  
Ram-Prasad and J. Ganeri, Ashgate, 2012.

“Enacting the self: Buddhist and enactivist approaches to the emergence of the self,” In *Self,  
No Self? Perspectives from Analytical, Phenomenological, and Indian Traditions*, Eds. M.  
Siderits, E. Thompson, and D. Zahavi, Oxford University Press, pp. 239-273, 2011.

### **Reviews**

*Apoha: Buddhist Nominalism and Human Cognition*, Eds. M. Siderits, T. Tillemans, and A.  
Chakrabarti, in *Mind* (forthcoming).

*The Bodhisattva’s Brain* by Owen Flanagan, in *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*  
(forthcoming).

“Blue Skies,” review of *Subjective Consciousness: A Self-Representational Theory* by Uriah Kriegel,  
in *The Times (London) Literary Supplement*, 2011.

*Ethics and The History of Indian Philosophy* by Shyam Ranganatham, in *Notre Dame Philosophical  
Reviews*, 2006.

*The Disinterested Witness* by Bina Gupta, in *APA Newsletter on the Status of Asian and Asian  
American Philosophers and Philosophies*, 2003.

*Following Form and Function* by Stephen T. Asma, in *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*  
Vol. 13, pp. 84-87, 1999.

### **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

*Enacting Wisdom: Phenomenology, Cognitive Science, and Asian Philosophy*  
Co-authored book with Bradley Park

**PAPERS PRESENTED**

“Luminosity, Subjectivity, and Temporality: An Examination of Buddhist and Advaita Views of Consciousness,” *Society for the Status of Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies*, APA Central meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2013.

“Reflexivity, Subjectivity, and the Enacted Self,” *Problems of the Self: Debates in Consciousness Subjectivity and Otherness*, Centre for Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, India, 2013.

“Enacting Selves, Enacting Worlds in Buddhist Philosophy,” *Society for the Status of Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies*, APA Eastern meeting, Atlanta, GA, 2012.

“Selfless Subjectivity: An Engagement with Dan Zahavi’s Phenomenology of Self,” *Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy*, Rochester, NY, 2012.

“Enacting Wisdom: Phenomenology, Cognitive Science, and Asian Philosophy,” *NEH Institute: Investigating Consciousness: Buddhist and Contemporary Philosophical Perspectives*, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, 2012.

“Buddhist Concepts of Self,” *Great Conversations Series*, Colorado State University, 2012.

“Luminosity, Subjectivity, and Temporality: An Examination of Buddhist and Advaita Views of Consciousness,” at *First-person Studies of Consciousness*, Center for Creative Inquiry, Berkeley, CA, 2011.

“Who is I?” Panel Presentation at Mangalam Research Center for Buddhist Languages, Berkeley, CA, 2011.

“No-Self and Distributive Principles in Mahāyāna Ethics,” *The Tenth East-West Philosophers’ Conference*, University of Hawai’i, Honolulu, HI, 2011.

“The Co-Arising of Self and World: On the Buddhist Theory of Karma,” Workshop for BodhiMind Center, Colorado Springs, CO, 2011.

“The Co-Arising of Self and World: On the Buddhist Theory of Karma,” Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO, 2011.

“The Co-Arising of Self and World: on the Buddhist Theory of Karma,” Metropolitan State College of Denver, Denver, CO, 2011.

“Enacting the Self: Buddhist and Enactivist Approaches to the Emergence of the Self,” Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO, 2010.

- “Luminous Consciousness, Subjectivity, and the Self: An Examination of Buddhist and Advaita views of Consciousness” at *Self: Hindu Responses to Buddhist Critiques*, University of Sussex, UK, 2010.
- “Reflexive Awareness, Temporality, and the Living Present,” *Society for Indian Philosophy and Religion*, Pacific Division APA, San Francisco, CA, 2010.
- “Enacting Wisdom: Phenomenology, Cognitive Science, and Asian Philosophy,” *Mind and Life Summer Research Institute*, Garrison, NY, 2009.
- “Perception, Action, and Conditioning: A Buddhist Phenomenology of Karma,” *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*, Pacific Division APA, Vancouver, BC, Canada, 2009.
- “Enacting the Self: Buddhist and Enactivist Approaches to the Emergence of the Self,” Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, 2008.
- “The Autopoietic Self: Buddhist and Neurophenomenological Approaches to the Emergence of the Self,” *Cognition: Embodied, Embedded, Enactive, Extended*, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, 2007.
- “The Future of Comparative Philosophy,” *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*, Asilomar, CA, 2007.
- “Ontological Deflationism in Madhyamaka,” *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*, Asilomar, CA, 2007.
- “Karma: Self-Making and World-Making in Buddhist Philosophy,” St. Mary’s College of Maryland, MD, 2007.
- “Global Warming: Ethical Issues,” Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA, 2007.
- “Exploitation: A Left-Libertarian Perspective,” *The Molinari Society*, Eastern Division American Philosophical Association, Washington, D.C., 2006.
- “Ontological Deflationism in Madhyamaka,” *International Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy*, Fordham University, New York, NY, 2006.
- “Karma: Self-Making and World-Making in Buddhist Philosophy,” Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY, 2006.
- “Buddhism and the Metaphysics of Causation,” Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY, 2006.
- “Enacting Worlds: Karma and the Construction of the Lifeworld,” *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*, Eastern Division APA, New York, NY, 2005.
- “Enacting Worlds: Karma and the Construction of the Lifeworld,” *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*, Asilomar, CA, 2005.

- “The Reflexivity of Consciousness: Some Arguments from the Indian Tradition,”  
Committee on the Status of Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and  
Philosophies, Central Division APA, Chicago, IL, 2005.
- “Education for Liberation,” Distinguished Alumni Panel, *East-West Philosophers Conference*,  
University of Hawai’i, Manoa, Honolulu, HI, 2005.
- “Buddhism and/as Radical Analysis,” *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*, Asilomar,  
CA, 2004.
- “The Self-Illumination of Consciousness: The Advaita Vedānta Theory of Consciousness  
and Pure Consciousness Events,” *The Fourteenth International Congress of Vedānta*,  
Miami University, Miami, OH, 2004.
- “No-Self, Egoism, and Altruism in Buddhist Philosophy,” Eastern Michigan University,  
Ypsilanti, MI, 2003.
- “Does Self-Awareness Require a Self?,” California State University, San Bernardino, 2003.
- “Does Self-Awareness Require a Self?,” *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*, APA  
Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2002.

**TEACHING** (Courses regularly taught at CSU)

**Graduate**

- Seminar in Asian Philosophy
  - Topic: Subjectivity, Self, and Consciousness in Indian Philosophy
- Group Study in Embodied Cognition
- Group Study in Indian Ethics

**Undergraduate**

- Seminar in Religious Studies: Contemplative, Philosophical, and Scientific  
Approaches to Consciousness
- Philosophy of Mind
- Buddhist Philosophy
- Indian Philosophy
- Philosophies of Peace and Non-violence
- Issues in the Study of Religion: Religious Experience
- World Philosophies

**SERVICE**

- Undergraduate Committee Chair      2012-
- Scholarship Committee Chair      2012-
- Dept. Advisory Council      2012-
- Program Review Committee      2012
- Assessment Committee      2010-
- Colloquium Coordinator      2011-

Faculty Senate Representative

2009-2012

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Nominated for Best Teacher 2011, Colorado State University

G. J. and Ellen Watumull Foundation Scholarship for Study in India, 2002

Infinity Foundation Grant 1997-98

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Professional Activities**

Participant, "Investigating Consciousness: Buddhist and Contemporary Philosophical Perspectives," *NEH Summer Institute*, Charleston, SC 2012.

Senior Research Investigator, "Neuroscientific and Contemplative Views of the Self" *Mind and Life Summer Research Institute*, Garrison, NY, 2009

Visiting Scholar, *Nitārtha Institute for Higher Tibetan Studies*, Bellingham, WA, 2009

#### **Professional Societies**

American Philosophical Association

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy

Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy

#### **Journal and Manuscript Referee**

*Philosophy East and West*

*Asian Philosophy*

*Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Monograph Series

### **REFERENCES**

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